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Nick's Organic Farm

8/31/2011

Dear Mr. Leggett,

Please do not allow soccer fields to be built on the Montgomery County School Board property located on Brickyard Road! As you know this land has been organically farmed for over 30 years and in addition to continuing its production

From

ajsommer5

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Alan Cohen

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Alan Cohen, President
BioLogical Pest Management, Inc

www.Biopestman.com

From Alexander Kovalchuk

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Alexander Kovalchuk

8557 Horseshoe Lane

Potomac, MD 20854

From

Alison and Steven Horowitz

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Steven Horowitz

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Allen Family

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Laurie Allen

Germantown, MD

From AMCI

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Amy Bar111

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Andy and Marie Mayr

Horseshoe Lane, Potomac

From Ann Roseberry Lincoln

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comments

9/1/2011

Dear Mr. Seyoum,

I am sending this email as a repeat, because I see that you have set up a special email account for comments. Last evening, I sent an email with the same information to your personal account at Montgomery County. Obviously, you'll want to keep only one set of my comments, but I want to ensure that you have received them. Would you kindly acknowledge that you have received at least one of my emails?

Thank you in advance, both for acknowledgement and for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Ann Roseberry Lincoln

From

Anne Killeen

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Brickyard Road School Site

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From Annita Seckinger

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RFP input 8/30/2011

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Date Aug. 29,
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Annita Seckinger

Potomac, MD

From Avelar, Melvin A.

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ALL,

I hope everyone is well, just wanted to let everyone know william is having people over his house on sunday starting at 5pm for friendly scrimmage and practice. I attended already and its a good time, please let me know if you are in

OFC. Melvin A. Avelar
MCP, 4th District, CBD
work (240) 773-5500

From

Babil

Subject**Date**

Brickyard Road Soccer Fields

6/21/2011

I am not opposed to kids playing soccer, I have grandchildren who love to play and are very good at it. I'm not opposed to organized soccer games or soccer leagues. I'm not opposed to soccer fields for kids to play. I'm not opposed to private organizations operating soccer fields. I'm not opposed to soccer fields in places that are easily accessible to the public by means of roads that can handle the traffic, and/or with public transportation.

In short, I'm not opposed to issuing an RFP for soccer fields, but I am opposed to an RFP for the proposed Brickyard Road/Nick's Farm location. Issue it for somewhere else, a place that will do justice to community wishes and standards.

I'm opposed to destroying Nick's Organic Farm, a unique asset in Montgomery County that is renowned nationwide for its sustainable environmental and agricultural practices. I'm opposed to ramming soccer fields down the throats of local residents who didn't ask for it and don't want it. I'm opposed to the high volume of traffic that the soccer fields will bring to Brickyard Road, a road ill-equipped to handle the volume.

Just a few years ago the county invested many thousands of dollars of taxpayer money in traffic circles and speed bumps on Brickyard Road. This reduced Brickyard Road traffic volume considerably. A byproduct of the proposed soccer fields is that the county will be throwing this taxpayer money away to bring more traffic and noise to Brickyard Road. I don't believe wasting taxpayer money is a smart strategy in these austere times.

What will be the legacy of our current county leaders? Will it be that they destroyed a unique, irreplaceable Montgomery County asset without input from the community directly impacted in order to build the 502nd and 503rd soccer fields in the county? To build these in a place where

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I hope I live in a place where our leaders have more vision than that, and perhaps they have some humility and common sense.

Simon Babil
8117 Hackamore Drive
Potomac, MD 20854
301-299-8057

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From

Barbara Hoover

Subject

Date

Comments RE: RFP for the purposed Brickyard Soccer Comp

8/30/2011

Here are my comments regarding this RFP:

- * Make all RFP comments public on website, and explain picking process.
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A pedestrian and bicycle impact study which includes weekend traffic should be conducted.

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A ten million dollar bonds should be posted to insure conformance by the private partner.

Take care,
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From Beatrice Kingsbury

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demolition of Nick's Organic Farm

8/31/2011

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From

Benjamin Davis

Subject

Date

Brickyard Site

8/31/2011

Attn: Kassa Seyoum, Project Manager for the Brickyard Middle School Site in Potomac, MD.

Re: RFP input

It has come to my attention that the county is considering replacing an Organic Farm with soccer fields in the Potomac area off of Brickyard Road. If this is to be the case, please include these conditions:

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I thank you for your time, and I expect implementation of these guidelines for the safety of the existing neighborhood.

Thank You,
Benjamin Davis

From Bernie Mihm

Subject **Date**

Brickyard Road for Kid's Soccer league!!!! 8/31/2011

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I fully support Mr Legget and Montgomery County in their quest to secure more fields for kids sports.

Please put the interests of all county taxpayers and all our kids FIRST.

Thank You and Keep up the good work!!

Bernie Mihm Jr.

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Beth Pyles-Ginder

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126 Windbrooke Circle, Gaithersburg, MD 20879

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blair levin

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Brenda Platt
parent, MCPS
resident, Montgomery County

From

Bruce Levine

Subject

Date

Proposed Brickyard Road Site for Soccer

9/1/2011

Our family believes that the organic farm site should remain just that, as it is an appropriate use that has worked out perfectly well for our neighborhood. The decisions and actions of the County have been absolutely unacceptable as an exercise of power and authority--the lack of transparency, the backroom scheming that seems to have occurred, the lack of involvement of the affected neighborhood when it really mattered, and the poor choice of an alternative use--all demand that the push towards a soccer field end now.

Should the development of a soccer field occur, certain conditions must absolutely be imposed on such development. As a family that lives directly across Brickyard Road from the site in question, and also as parents of two long-time soccer playing children over the past 15 years, we believe we both have a right to request that the County condition development on certain parameters AND the knowledge of how similar soccer fields work to support our requests. The bottom line is that Brickyard and the two lane feeder roads nearby are not well suited to the traffic that can be generated by heavily-used soccer fields.

- During scheduled usage of the fields, the County should be required to provide traffic police to control traffic near the entrance to the fields--without that, local residents may have a difficult time even exiting their own driveways.
- Vehicles must absolutely be prohibited from parking on Brickyard or any adjoining streets--any vehicles carrying people using the site must be able to park on the soccer site.
- The field should only be usable on weekends--the afterschool and evening hours when a field would likely be used on weekdays already have significant traffic for the capacity of the roads and typical soccer practice or game traffic would make the roads essentially unusable by local residents at those times.
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Bruce
Bruce A. Levine
8620 Brickyard Road
Potomac, MD 20854
blevine82@comcast.net

From

cagayoff

Subject

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13300 Bluebeard Terrace

Clarksburg, MD 20871

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From

Carlie

Subject

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Carol A. Gough Alonso
Brickyard neighbor and MCPS Teacher

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with the way the county has handled this matter. I urge you to re-consider your decision or be prepared for the consequences.

From Carol Earnest

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From

Carrie Smedira

Subject

Date

Brickyard soccer field comments

8/25/2011

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2. Youth games only - under the age of 14. High School children can play in the professional fields at Greenbriar Park, South Germantown Park, Maryland SoccerPlex, or at their high school field.
3. Only students from the Potomac area be eligible to play - no busing of children from outside the Potomac limits. Local park serves local residents.
4. A towing company will be paid for by the Private Partner so Brickyard residents can have parked cars towed off their property when needed. If a towing company is not provided, cars parked on private property will be towed at owner's expense.
5. Fields for regular practice and games only. Championship, regional playoffs, or tournaments are restricted.
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9. \$10 million bonds should be posted to insure conformance by Private Partner.
10. All expenses to maintaining the Brickyard should be posted on the Private Partner website for transparency and accountability.

Thanks,
Carrie Smedira

From Catharine Trauernicht

Subject	Date
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comments regarding Brickyard Road proposed soccer comple 8/31/2011

To Whom it may concern,

Our comments are brief. We have followed the arguments for and against the proposed soccer fields at the site of the present "Nick's Organic Farm," and, to us, the issue boils down to this:

- ☐ Residents in close proximity to the proposed soccer fields have NOT been given an adequate hearing
- ☐ to register their comments either for or against the proposal. Bringing a soccer complex to this
- ☐ particular site, in a neighborhood not equipped to handle the commercial aspects of such an enterprise
- ☐ (especially with regard to traffic), deserves a PUBLIC FORUM.

Shame on our elected representatives for hiding behind their positions of authority to crush public debate!

Perhaps this explains Montgomery County Council Member Roger Berliner's sudden sale of his home and departure from the neighborhood.

The residents are watching your actions, and expect you to halt the proposed soccer fields construction so that public discussion can be honored.

Thank you,
the Scott family
River Falls community

From

Catherine Bisnett

Subject

Date

Brickyard Road and Nick's Organic Farm

8/19/2011

August 19, 2011

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Sincerely

Catherine Higgins-Bisnett

807 Maple Ave

Rockville MD 20850

From

Cathy Lorberbaum

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Cathy Lorberbaum

From

Cathy McDonald

Subject

Date

Brickyard Middle School Site - RFP input

9/1/2011

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Attn: Kassa Seyoum, Project Manager for the Brickyard Middle School Site in Potomac, MD.

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Re: RFP input

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It has come to my attention that the county is considering replacing an Organic Farm with soccer fields in the Potomac area off of Brickyard Road. If this is to be the case, please include these conditions:

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-The citizens need to be informed of, and the Contractor must clearly outline how its turf management practices will avoid contamination of the surface water and the ground water that might reach local wells of surrounding homes. All fields and any site amenities will be organic with no use of pesticides or chemicals.

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-All the RFP comments must be made public on a website, and the picking process should also be clearly explained.

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-No existing Speed Bumps/Roundabouts should be removed.

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-There will be no indoor Sports facilities, ever.

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-There will be no other commercial activities on the site (many "Home/Window" shows @ Germantown Complex).

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-The "local" teams MUST have local players. One of the sponsors Potomac Soccer is "local" team but does not have local players. Our son was the only local player on his Potomac Soccer team.

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-There MUST be non-scheduled time on the field in good hours not 8 PM to 9 PM so that anyone can use freely.

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-The "private Partnership" must NOT own all the best times during the week 4PM to 8 PM and weekend 8AM to 7PM

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-There should be no holdover provision in the final contract so that the property must be competitively bid again at the end of the term so as to safeguard the public interest.

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I thank you for your time, and I expect implementation of these guidelines for the safety of the existing neighborhood.

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Thank You,

Cathy McDonald
Montgomery County resident

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From

Chef Da-Vid

Subject

Date

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Dave Lambert
RESIDENT of POTOMAC
301-983-5034 (home office)

301-873-4481 (cell phone)

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DavidRobertLambert@AlphaUSA.org (church and Alpha Advisor for DC Region)

Chef@DavidRobertLambert.com (culinary arts)

From

chloe short

Subject**Date**

Brickyard site

8/21/2011

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Chris Belchamber

Subject

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Ike.Leggett@montgomerycountymd.gov,Info@savenicksorga

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Chris Belchamber

Chris Belchamber Investment Management, LLC 301-335-8587, www.ChrisBelchamber.com □ □ □ □

From Christina Renshaw

Subject	Date
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Leave the farm	8/31/2011
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The county doesn't need more soccer fields it needs more farms!

Christina Renshaw
President
Text Design, Inc.

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From

cindy brandt

Subject

Date

Brickyard Site

8/19/2011

To: Kassa Seyoum, Project Manager

I am disappointed that you are considering placing private use ball fields on the Brickyard Road site. I would rather see the organic seed farm left as it is and used as an education center for MCPS. There are enough ball fields so it should not be necessary to ruin an organic farm which has been in existence for 30 years.

Sincerely,
cindy brandt
3302 Cummings Lane
CHevy CHase, MD 20815

From

Clare Kenney

Subject

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Don Kenney

From

Connemara Doran

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Sincerely,
Connemara Doran

From cybrind brindle

Subject **Date**

RFP comments 8/25/2011

Summarized below are my comments

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Jeffrey R. Brindle

8004 Horseshoe Lane

Potomac, MD 20854

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From

Dami Hunter

Subject

Date

Brickyard Site

8/20/2011

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David Flores

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>>>> David G. F. Flores <<<<

From

Diane Seward

Subject

Date

Comments on the Brickyard Road Soccer Field RFP

9/1/2011

To whom it may concern:

We have vigorously opposed, and will continue to oppose, the proposal to convert the 20 acres optimally dedicated for 30 years as an organic farm into a soccer complex. Nevertheless, in the event Montgomery County goes ahead with its illegal (lack of due process) plans, we offer the following comments:

1. Publish all comments you receive on this issue on the county website.
2. Explain the criteria to be used for choosing the winning proposal.
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13. "Local" teams must have "local" players from our neighborhood!
14. There must be nonscheduled time on the fields on summer evenings, before dark, say 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. so that the neighborhood can use the soccer fields.
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Timothy and Elizabeth Seward
10809 Rock Run Drive

From

Dick & Shirley Heintz

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Sincerely,
Shirley Heintz

From Dolores McDonagh

Subject	Date
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Please strike a balance	8/31/2011
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Soccer fields for youth are great (baseball fields too, which are WAY more lacking in MoCo). But in this instance, making sure our youth have access to locally grown food -- and the understanding of where food comes from -- needs to take precedence.

Please register my vote for keeping a local food hub in Montgomery Country, not another couple of soccer fields.

Thank you.

Dolores McDonagh
726 Dartmouth Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Dolores McDonagh
dolores@themcdonaghs.com

From

Don Libes

Subject

Date

comments on RFP to Develop Soccer Ballfields at Brickyard

8/31/2011

According to the RFP to Develop Soccer Ballfields at Brickyard Site, the intent is to develop "up to four soccer fields". However, the Park Study that is cited to justify the need has a table titled "2020 Additional Field Needs by Community Based Team Area".

In issuing the RFP, it appears that the Executive has misinterpreted this aforementioned table. The way I understand the table, it shows there is a positive need (14 to 14.3) for *all* types of fields. However, if you only consider rectangular fields (i.e., appropriate for soccer), the need drops to 4.6.

The report says that "fields needs may potentially be lowered by converting fields to another use (where feasible) to meet the needs". The table shows that Potomac has a surplus $(-0.3 + -4.1 = -4.4)$ of other fields that may potentially serve the same purpose. Given that -4.4 surplus is remarkably close to meeting the 4.6 need and given the other issues surrounding the Brickyard property, it makes sense to try and convert existing fields rather than using the Brickyard property. Not only is it cheaper to convert existing fields but they will already be on properties where soccer and other athletic fields make sense and have been accepted by the neighborhood unlike the Brickyard area.

I will skip the explanation of all the other drawbacks of developing the Brickyard property since you have no doubt heard them from other people. But it certainly seems like the requirement for developing the Brickyard property seems to have been based on invalid assumptions. I urge you to reconsider the basis on which the RFP has been issued and retract the RFP. I urge you not to turn the Brickyard property in to soccer fields.

Don Libes
7311 Brickyard Rd
Potomac, MD 20854
301 975-3535
don@libes.com

From

Donna Foster

Subject

Date

Comments re the RFP for the Brickyard Road Soccer Field

8/29/2011

The RFP for the Brickyard Road Soccer Field should have consideration for the location on a road that will be hugely impacted by the additional traffic.

A traffic study and a noise study should be conducted by an independent organization(with no possible interest or connection with soccer). Both studies must include weekend impact.

Adequate parking must be included with absolutely no parking on Brickyard Road and surrounding neighborhood streets. The county must be required to enforce that as a deterrent.

The fields should be restricted to usage by school age youths, not college or adult leagues.

The traffic study will show that weekday afternoons will overload the area streets and so the complex must state very specific hours of operation. Weekend hours should be limited and enforced.

Because of its location in a watershed that will impact the Potomac River and local streams, the fields should be free of pesticides and damaging chemicals.

Provisions must be included for immediate and constant removal of trash and debris to ensure care of the area and prevent rodents.

The county must require that the private partner pay for all improvements, including roads and driveways.

To ensure conformance of the private partner to stated requirements, there must be incentive, such as a bond to be posted by the private partner, and stated legal recourse by the county .

Lastly, the county must commit to enforcing all inclusions in the contract.

Donna Foster

From

Dr. Rachael B. Sand

Subject

Date

Brickyard Site

8/19/2011

To: Kassa Seyoum, Project Manager

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Dr. Rachael Sand

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Licensed Psychologist

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From

EH Pitcher

Subject**Date**

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Sincerely,

Edwin Pitcher

Bethesda, Maryland

From

Elisabeth Renninger

Subject

Date

Brickyard Site

8/19/2011

To: Kassa Seyoum and Ike Leggett:

Mr. Leggett and Ms. Seyoum. I hope you will reconsider using a public-private partnership to place private use ball fields on the Brickyard Road site. This field with the existing organic farm is perfectly suited as an education center for Montgomery County Public Schools, especially with the recent passage in Maryland of the mandatory Environmental Literacy standard, also known as "No Child Left Inside."

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Mr. Leggett - I've written to you before to help on PEPCO issues and I've always found you to be incredibly responsive and fair. I do hope you'll weigh in on this on the side of the local agricultural movement. I know that the soccer parents are very strong and well organized group and everyone wants his/her child to be able to play sports, but I do hope you will not shut this organic farm down just because the soccer parents are such a strong and vocal group.

Thanks so much.

Sincerely,
Liz Renninger

From

Elisabeth Waugaman

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8/20/2011

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Elisabeth Waugaman, PhD

proposal for Brickyard soccer fields

8/26/2011

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No operation during weekdays to avoid overloading of residential roads serving the site.

Sports field use must be limited to youths no older than high school age.

Field use to be limited to the teams located with the geographic area which would be served by a Brickyard Middle school.

No use of fields for tournaments, playoffs and/or championships.

All fields and any site amenities should be organic with no use of pesticides or chemicals.

The private partner must be required to ensure that any trash that is left behind after field use is removed immediately so that unsightly, rodent-attracting litter does not accumulate.

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The county should provide oversight of the private partner to ensure proper operation, and should take immediate corrective action.

A noise study should be conducted by someone other than interested parties (ie: possible private partners)

A pedestrian and bicycle impact study which includes weekend traffic should be conducted.

An environmental study be made to assure well water will not be polluted by chemicals from vehicles exiting, entering, and parking.

All improvements, including roads and driveways, should be paid for by the private partner.

A ten million dollar bond should be posted to insure conformance by

the private partner.

From Elliott, William E CTR PEO I

Subject	Date
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Comment from Resident about Nick's farm

8/31/2011

Mr. Leggett,

I've lived in the area off and on throughout my life accruing about 7 years of Montgomery County residency and over 30 years of MD residency. I've seen how businesses work in cities and in rural locales all over this country. The half-doze

From

Erik Asphaug

Subject

Date

public comment

9/1/2011

I am aware of the plans to turn this organic farm into a soccer field. Most soccer fields these days are under-utilized, whereas the value of an organic farm -- a place where children can come and learn and play and learn where all our food comes from -- that's a treasure that will be so sorely missed, even by the children who are kicking around the soccer ball. Preserve these kinds of treasures for the kids -- you won't get them back ever.

Erik Asphaug, Professor

From

Evan Lippincott

Subject

Date

FW: Brickyard RFP comment

8/29/2011

I am opposed to soccer fields being built on the Brickyard Road site currently being leased to Nick Maravel for use as an organic seed farm.

Should the contract for soccer fields be let, I request that the following issues be addressed:

- * ☐ Minimum of 7 hours per week of field use will be provided to the community at no charge.
- * ☐ Private monitoring of the site to be paid for by private partner
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Evan J Lippincott

9428 Garden Court

Potomac, MD 20854

From

Frank Shull

Subject

Date

Brickyard Site

8/20/2011

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Sent from my iPad

From

George H K. Wang

Subject

Date

RE: RFP for purposed Brickyard Soccer Complex

8/27/2011

My name is George Wang, I live at 10617 Rock Run Dr., Potomac, MD 20854. I would like to file my public comments regarding the RFP for the purposed Brickyard Soccer Complex

Here are my comments:

Preserving the site as an organic farm - my choice.

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A ten million dollar bonds should be posted to insure conformance by the private partner.

Thanks,

George Wang

10617 Rock Run Dr

Potomac, MD 20854

301-299-8988

From

Gigi Middlebrook

Subject

Date

Please Save Nick's Organic Farm

8/31/2011

I would think that an organic food farm where children can learn more about this type of farming would be much more valuable to our community than two more soccer fields. Please don't destroy Nick's farm. I want children to learn more about how to susta

From

Girish Jindia

Subject

Date

Brickyard Soccer Complex

8/25/2011

We are adversely opposed to the proposed complex!!

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Regards,

Girish Jindia
10921 Brent Road
Potomac, MD 20854
301-299-3185

Comments to proposed soccerPlex

8/30/2011

- 1) The "local" teams MUST have local players. One of the sponsors Potomac Soccer is "local" team but does not have local players. Our son was the only local player on his Potomac Soccer team.
 - 2) There MUST be non scheduled time on the field in good hours not 8 PM to 9 PM so that anyone can use freely.
 - 3) The "private Partnership" must NOT own all the best times during the week 4PM to 8 PM and weekend 8AM to 7PM
 - 4)Make all RFP comments public on website, and explain picking process.
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- 5) No existing Speed Bumps/Roundabouts removed.
 - 6) No INDOOR Sports facilities, ever.
 - 7) No other commercial activities on the site (many "Home/Window" shows @ Germantown Complex).
 - 8) Contractor must outline how its' turf mngmt practices will avoid contamination of surface and ground water that may reach local wells of surrounding properties.
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From

Girish U

Subject

Date

Make Brickyard Farm a Food and Ag Education Hub

8/23/2011

Dear Mr. Leggett,

I applaud the County's efforts to advance food and agriculture policy through the Green Economy Task Force, the Small Farm Incubator Initiative, the Sustainable Community Food Initiative, and the long tradition of preserving agricult

From

Gpilch

Subject

Date

Letter of Opposition to the Plans to Construct Soccer Fields at

8/31/2011

County Executive Isiah Leggett
101 Monroe St.
2nd Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

To: County Executive Leggett:

With this letter, I join a broad based group of Montgomery county citizens and many others to express my unequivocal opposition to

Letter of Opposition to the Plans to Construct Soccer Fields at

8/29/2011

With this letter, I join a broad based group of Montgomery county citizens and many others to express my unequivocal opposition to the plans to construct multiple soccer fields at the Brickyard Road location in Potomac MD. My objections are based both on substance of the plan and the flawed process by which this decision has been reached.

The 20-acre Brickyard cite plot that has been farmed for more than 30 years. The plans to “kill” the farm and to convert it into a multiple soccer field, supported by several hundred space parking lot and concession stands is absolutely against public interest and contrary to the County’s stated goals of advancing “green” food and agriculture initiatives.

Nick’s Organic Farm (NOF) is a precious asset to our community.

☐ NOF is a model for agriculture on the urban fringe, the type of farm that is now increasingly gaining attention internationally as the farm-of-the-future, because it can help ensure the safety, availability and affordability of our food as populations rise and transportation/fuel costs increase;

☐ This NOF site is a valuable research tool, because the soil has been organically-tended for more than 30 years, fostering the organic matter and microorganisms that are key to supporting healthy plants;

☐ It is uniquely isolated from other farms generating genetically modified (GMO) pollen, so it can produce organic GMO-free seed that is especially adapted to the local climate and weather conditions, a highly unusual resource;

☐ NOF’s seed grown at the Brickyard Road plot provides the basis for many other farmers’ operations in the county, state and region; this land is the only organic seed farm in Montgomery County, amid very few organic seed farms in the whole State of Maryland;

☐ If NOF stops growing the special heirloom and open-pollinated seed that it currently does at the Brickyard Road plot, our community would likely lose valuable biodiversity in our plant gene pool;

☐ Ø As an organic farm, NOF by definition does not utilize chemical fertilizers and synthetic pesticides and herbicides, so it does not contaminate the soil, air or water; rather it increases the quality of these natural resources—especially pertinent here since this plot of land is so close to the Potomac River;

☐ Ø Organic farmland also adds to the quality of life of the community, because it contributes to carbon sequestration, and helps to minimize run-off and soil erosion;

☐ Ø Keeping farmland at this site does not require any budgetary outlays on the part of the County, while it maintains the status quo of the land in pristine condition, in case the Board of Education needs it for a school in the future;

☐ Ø Having been tended by a nationally renowned organic farmer who is a current member of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB), this site would be a perfect location for agricultural education for public school children and adults, in the tradition of the Ag Reserve and the vision of the USDA “Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food ” initiative.

☐ Ø The site could also be used as a mentoring and incubator facility for the next generation of farmers.

☐ If additional soccer fields are deemed to be needed by the Country (something that I and many others seriously doubt), there are many alternatives soccer sites that do not require the elimination of a key country organic farm, such as the Cabin John Regional Park - a 525 acre facility with only 6 baseball fields.

☐ In addition to the substantive objection to the plans to replace the NOF with soccer fields, parking lots and concession stands, I also object to the process by which this decision has been reached. There were not enough open public meetings and hearings and both elected public officials (including on the County Council) and concerned citizens were (deliberately?) not made aware of the plans.

☐ Again, the Country should suspend its plans to convert a farm into a soccer fields and parking lots, and establish a County Food and Agriculture Policy Council, including Nick’s Organic Farm, as an agricultural education anchor, to utilize this unique farm asset for the benefit of all the Montgomery County residents.

Sincerely

Gennady Pilch

tel: 301-377-4264

7204 Brookstone Court, Potomac, MD

From helgabilik

Subject	Date
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Brickyard Site 8/19/2011

Greetings -

This is to express, in the strongest terms possible, my husband's and my opposition to any plans that would endanger the future of one of the county's most outstanding features - a truly functioning, working ORGANIC FARM!

To jeopardize something so unique, and so valuable - something that reinforces the unusual QUALITY of life in this wonderful county for something as commonplace as SOCCER FIELDS should be absolutely unthinkable.

There are schools, parks, and open spaces throughout the county, so this ill-thought and selfish project should be stopped, and re-focused on less-destructive options. We need Nick's Organic Farm to stand as a beacon for healthy, effective farming - for both us humans and the environment. It is as important - if not more so - to the future generation also to learn about healthy eating and raising healthful foods as well as the sport in which they're participating.

We have such great respect for Mr. Leggett - we hope he will do everything possible to preserve this amazing, unique gem.

Thank you.

Helga and Jerry Bilik

From

HILDA GORE

Subject

Date

Please save Nick's Organic Farm

8/20/2011

Dear County Executive Leggett,

I grew up in Montgomery County and still have family in the county. It has a fabulous reputation for good schools, wonderful social services, great sports complexes and more.

Please continue the tradition of good stewardship of the county's resources and protect Nick's organic farm. It would be shortsighted to lose that valuable farm land, for soccer fields. I know there are other soccer fields that could be re-conditioned for that use.

I am a sports fan and soccer mom, by the way. However, I also value good, healthy, nutritious organic food. I find it hard to believe that this must come down to an "either/or" choice. Preserve Nick's farm and refurbish other fields for soccer. This would clearly be a win/win.

Please find a way to save the farm and continue to lead Montgomery County and its residents well.

Best,Hilda Gore

From

Icarus Ancalion

Subject

Date

We don't need more soccer fields.

8/31/2011

I am absolutely appalled that in some back room deal the award-winning Nick's Organic Farm is to be turned into ... soccer fields. We have too many soccer fields in Maryland, and I as a Germantown resident and voter insist that we not destroy this important farm. If someone wants to play soccer, we have the absurd and enormous Soccerplex right here.

Why have there been no public hearings about this?

Nick's is a hub and lynchpin of the organic farming movement in Maryland. Not only is it an award-winning farm that's been in place for 30 years, Nick's is the primary source for organic seeds for all the organic farmers in this area.

You may not realize, but companies like Burpee and other commercial seed producers sell us "dead" seeds. Oh yes, the seeds will produce a plant, but they are designed so that you cannot collect the seeds from that plant and use them for the next year, thus cutting the "cycle of life." The intent is to keep farmers dependent on the seed companies.

As you can imagine, this is a dangerous and short-sighted practice. If there is one thing in this world that we do not want monopolized, it's our food supply.

The process of making "dead seeds" involves hybridization and often genetic modification, adding a new level of hazard to commercial seeds.

Organic seed producers like Nick's keep mother nature intact.

Not only do I feel deeply sarcastic about the idiocy of building more soccer fields in soccer field saturated Montgomery County, I'm infuriated that they'd be built on top of Nick's Organic Farm. I'm also angry that there have been no public hearings about such an important issue.

I don't keep up on county issues. So this is the only issue where your name, Mr. Leggett, has come to my attention. I am holding you personally responsible for what happens to this farm. I will not forget and my vote in future elections will be based on what happens to this farm.

Yours truly,
Michelle Grissom

From

Indu Jindia

Subject

Date

Comments re: The RFP on Brickyard Soccer Plex

8/31/2011

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>> 1 - The "local" teams MUST have local players. One of the sponsors Potomac Soccer is "local" team but does not have local players. Our son was the only local player on his Potomac Soccer team.

>> 2 - There MUST be non scheduled time on the field in good hours not 8 PM to 9 PM so that anyone can use freely.

>> 3 - The "private Partnership" must NOT own all the best times during the week 4PM to 8 PM and weekend 8AM to 7PM

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>> If we dont add this then you can get all you want below but local people will NEVER get to use the field.

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>> The private partner will take over the field if they pay for it and that is what Ike is looking to do.

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>> * Make all RFP comments public on website, and explain picking process.

>> * No existing Speed Bumps/Roundabouts removed.

>> * No INDOOR Sports facilities, ever.

>> * No other commercial activities on the site (many "Home/Window" shows @ Germantown Complex).

>> * Contractor must outline how its' turf mngmt practices will avoid contamination of surface and ground water that may reach local wells of surrounding properties.

>> * There should be NO holdover provision in the final contract so that the property MUST be competitively bid again @ the end of term so as to safeguard the public interest.

>> Hours of operation should be limited to 11AM to 5:30 PM on weekends only.

>> No operation during weekdays to avoid overloading of residential roads serving the site.

>> Sports field use must be limited to youths no older than high school age.

>> Field use to be limited to the teams located with the geographic area which would be served by a Brickyard Middle school.

>> No use of fields for tournaments, playoffs and/or championships.

>> All fields and any site amenities should be organic with no use of pesticides or chemicals.

>> The private partner must be required to ensure that any trash that is left behind after field use is removed immediately so that unsightly, rodent-attracting litter does not accumulate.

>> A towing company paid for by the private partner must be immediately available to local residents to tow cars that may be parked illegally on any surrounding neighborhood streets due to field usage.

>> The county should provide oversight of the private partner to ensure proper operation, and should take immediate corrective action.

>> Separate noise & traffic studies should be conducted by someone other than interested parties (ie: possible private partners).

>> A pedestrian and bicycle impact study which includes weekend traffic should be conducted.

>> All improvements, including roads and driveways, should be paid for by the private partner.

>> A ten million dollar bonds should be posted to insure conformance by the private partner.

> I strongly feel that The Organic Farm should be preserved. It is a very valuable asset to the whole county esp. that organic food is so critical for good health and well being. This farm could also be used as an educational site for many youngster who are really interested in organic farming. It's hard to imagine that there are officials out there who want to rip the valuable work of Farmer Nick. Granted this land was rented to him but he worked hard and created something unique from it. Organic farming is the way into future and we cannot imagine that something that's already been established is going to be ripped off. Brickyard also is also the alternate route for the beltway travelers. Any time there is an accident or bad weather issues and the beltway snarls up brickyard is used by all the commuters who live in Gaithersburg, Poolesville, Germantown area. With a soccer field added traffic situation is going to be unbearable here. I am sure these points have been made by other people but need to be emphasized again and again.

Thank

You

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10921 Brent

Rd.

Potomac, MD - 20854

From info

Subject	Date
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RE: SNOF, Request for Proposal deadline, September 1st.

8/20/2011

Dear Carrie,
I have taken the liberty to forward your comment to the county. Not sure if your original went through, but hopefully this one will,
Take care and thank you
Annita

☐ I went to the draft letter and hit the "Send Email" button, but I don't think anything happened. Is anyone else having a problem with the button or is it sending, but nothing comes up on the website to confirm that it's been sent?

☐ thanks,
☐ Carrie
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☐ _____

☐ From: Save Nick's Organic Farm <info@savenicksorganicfarm.org>

☐ To: cstinky2@yahoo.com

☐ Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 4:55 PM

☐ Subject: SNOF, Request for Proposal deadline, September 1st.

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☐ Save Nick's Organic Farm // URGENT NEWS

☐ Campaign Update

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☐ Dear Supporters,

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Email Responses to Brickyard RFP

☐ Thank you for still hanging in there. We are once again in need of your support. The County is requesting comments on the soccer field proposal
☐ through the 1st of September on their Request For Proposal (RFP). We have learned that they have received over 150 comments from the pro-soccer advocates.
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☐ Now is the time to show our strength and conviction.
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☐ We urge you to go to the Save Nick's Organic Farm site and click on the letter to the Department of General Service (top of the page in the white box). If you would prefer to write a letter in your own words, the links have been provided.
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☐ This matter is of great urgency as the deadline is less than 2 weeks away on Thursday, September 1, 2011.
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☐ If you have trouble accessing the link, or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at:
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☐ info@savenicksorganicfarm.org.
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☐ Thank you again,
☐ Your Friends at Nicks Organic Farm
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From

Jack Detzner

Subject

Date

Brickyard Site

8/19/2011

To: Kassa Seyoum, Project Manager

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This Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) property has been under the care and stewardship of Mr. Nick Maravell, under continuous organic management, for over 30 years. A 30 year-old organic seed farm with its soil improvements is not easily moved or re-established elsewhere. Thanks to its location far from conventional farms using Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO seeds), this farm’s heirloom and rare seed production is guaranteed to stay pure and organic.

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Sincerely,

Jack Detzner

From

James Hopenfeld

Subject

Date

Please do not put soccer fields on the Brickyard site

8/19/2011

To Kassa Seyoum:

I oppose the proposal to put soccer fields on the Brickyard Road site. Putting soccer fields will harm the neighborhood, compromise the environment, and destroy a unique, working organic farm. I, and my neighbors, understand that Montgomery County needs more soccer fields. But if Montgomery County needs more soccer fields, it should put them someplace where they make sense and where the benefits clearly outweigh the harms. I am especially concerned that the County is giving short shrift to the interests of the people who live in the neighborhood surrounding the Brickyard Road site, in favor of non-local interests. I'd like to live in a county that puts neighborhoods' interests first. Thank you for your consideration.

James Hopenfeld

From

Jamie H.

Subject

Date

Opposition to soccer fields

8/9/2011

Hi there,

As a voting Montgomery County resident, I'd like to express my opposition to the plans to build soccer fields on the land that is currently being leased for organic farming known as Nick's Organic Farm.

While I understand that the county is interested in creating soccer fields for the students, this is not the site for this to be done. What the county has not considered is that farming, especially organic farming, is not something that you can just pick up and move. An organic farm takes years in order to get rid of the toxic herbicides and pesticides that a traditional farm leaves in the ground and it takes years, if not decades to get the soil up to the standards of an organic farm. So, simply assisting Nick in relocating does not get to the route of the problem. Leaving the farm where it is will be the best solution.

However if you insist on forcing a small business owner out of the land he's taken care of for over 30 years, then you'll have to take some of that cash that you're throwing at demolition companies like MSI and instead will have to compensate Nick for the loss of production over the next decade because he simply will not be able to have the same production and quality level as he is currently maintaining.

Organic farms are the future of food security in this nation and for the Montgomery County government to simply throw it away because they want to build a few fields that no one really expressed an interest in is intolerable. Please consider your actions. Not only will it decrease the value of the land, it will decrease the value of the Potomac residents that live nearby. Instead of having an organic farm that helps to mitigate carbon, you'll have a pesticide and herbicide ridden soccer field that requires gas-powered lawn mowers to maintain the field. It just makes absolutely no sense unless the only motivation you have for doing this is a kickback from these construction companies.

As a taxpaying, voting resident, I ask that you leave Nick's Farm alone and relocate your plans for the soccer field to an area that will not devastate a local, small business.

Thank you.

Cheers,

Jamie Hardin | DC Organic Food Examiner | DC Green Living Examiner
examiner.com | cheers4jamie@yahoo.com

From

Jane Babil

Subject

Date

Brickyard Site

8/21/2011

To: Kassa Seyoum, Project Manager

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> Sincerely,
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> Jane A. Babil
> 8117 Hackamore Drive
> Potomac, MD 20854
> 301-299-8057
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From

Janice Smith

Subject

Date

Brickyard Site

8/31/2011

Dear Mr. Leggett,

I strongly oppose turning the Brickyard site into a soccer field. The organic farm at that site is one of the major sources of organic seeds which are becoming very rare in this age of Monsanto genetically engineered food (GMO).

From

Jeff Brindle

Subject

Date

Brickyard Site

8/19/2011

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Sincerely,
jeff brindle
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

From

Jennifer Freeman

Subject

Date

Re: Letter of Opposition to the Plans to Construct Soccer Fiel

8/29/2011

With this letter, I join a broad based group of Montgomery county citizens and many others to express my unequivocal opposition to the plans to construct multiple soccer fields at the Brickyard Road location in Potomac MD. My objections are based both on substance of the plan and the flawed process by which this decision has been reached. The 20-acre Brickyard cite plot that has been farmed for more than 30 years. The plans to “kill” the farm and to convert it into a multiple soccer field, supported by several hundred space parking lot and concession stands is absolutely against public interest and contrary to the County’s stated goals of advancing “green” food and agriculture initiatives.

Nick’s Organic Farm (NOF) is a precious asset to our community.

Sincerely

Jennifer Freeman

tel: 301-377-4264

7204 Brookstone Court, Potomac, MD

Re: Letter of Opposition to the Plans to Construct Soccer Field

8/31/2011

County Executive Isiah Leggett
101 Monroe St.
2nd Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

To: County Executive Leggett:

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Jennifer Hackwith

Subject

Date

Brickyard site

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Jennifer Khovananth

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From

Joan M Cooper

Subject

Date

Comments and concerns

8/30/2011

Our first preference is to preserve the site as an organic farm. If that is not possible; limit the use. No INDOOR Sports facilities, Make all comments public, No removable of existing speed bumps or Roundabouts, no commercial activities, limit hours of operation to 11AM to 5:30 PM weekends only, Limit use to youths no older than high school age, all trash must be removed promptly not left behind, avoid contamination of surface and ground waters or detail plans for non-contamination of local wells, use only local teams. Bidders must be made aware of local concerns and keep locals involved. Joan and Bill Cooper 8410 Kingsgate Rd Potomac MD 20854

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From

Joanna Handley

Subject**Date**

Brickyard Site

8/19/2011

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Sent from my iPhone

From john ciekot

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A farm on public land?	7/2/2011
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Dear Montgomery County Government:

Each governing administration bears a responsibility to the citizens that extends far beyond the term of that administration. The current Montgomery County administration will show deep respect for future county and state generations by protecting and publicizing the treasure of a proper seed producing farm within its authority.

The Brickyard Road farm is both resource and opportunity for Montgomery to show leadership in a sustainable food economy. Communities across Maryland need to conserve and learn from farms like this one.

John Ciekot

Maryland Resident

From

Jonathan Leiman

Subject

Date

Brickyard Site

9/1/2011

Attn: Kassa Seyoum, Project Manager for the Brickyard Middle School Site in Potomac, MD.

Re: RFP input

It has come to my attention that the county is considering replacing an Organic Farm with soccer fields in the Potomac area off of Brickyard Road. If this is to be the case, please include these conditions:

-The citizens need to be informed of, and the Contractor must clearly outline how its turf management practices will avoid contamination of the surface water and the ground water that might reach local wells of surrounding homes. All fields and any site amenities will be organic with no use of pesticides or chemicals.

-All the RFP comments must be made public on a website, and the picking process should also be clearly explained.

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-There will be no indoor Sports facilities, ever.

-There will be no other commercial activities on the site (many "Home/Window" shows @ Germantown Complex).

-The "local" teams MUST have local players. One of the sponsors Potomac Soccer is "local" team but does not have local players. Our son was the only local player on his Potomac Soccer team.

-There MUST be non-scheduled time on the field in good hours not 8 PM to 9 PM so that anyone can use freely.

-The "private Partnership" must NOT own all the best times during the week

4PM to 8 PM and weekend 8AM to 7PM

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-Separate noise and traffic studies must be conducted by someone other than interested parties (ie: possible private partners).

-A pedestrian and bicycle impact study which includes weekend traffic must be conducted.

-All improvements, including roads and driveways, must be paid for by the private partner.

-Not one single amenity associated with these soccer fields is to come out of tax-payer money.

-A ten million dollar bond should be posted to insure conformance by the

private partner.

-There should be no holdover provision in the final contract so that the property must be competitively bid again at the end of the term so as to safeguard the public interest.

I thank you for your time, and I expect implementation of these guidelines for the safety of the existing neighborhood.

Thank You,

From

Joseph Lee

Subject

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Sincerely,

Joslyn Read, 10805 Rock Run Drive, Potomac, MD 20854 (josread@gmail.com)

From

joyoriole

Subject

Date

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8/20/2011

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Sincerely,

Joy L. Oriole

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From

Julian Sisman

Subject**Date**

soccer field controversy

6/28/2011

Hello,

My response to the situation is that, there is a need for more soccer fields in the area but I think that what the county should really look into do is keep renting that field to the farmer for the organic vegetation or whatever is being produced. My reasoning for this is being we need to really understand that the epidemic that is going on in this country with weight issues and not eating the right foods and all is really a serious issue and taking another more land away from the non-processed food and food that we really should be eating is not going to help. I personally think that with the fields that we have now and community centers around with room to construct fields we really need to look into building turf field and they don't have to have lights instead. We have all these fields that the county has that are in the worst shape and you guys try to do work on them and personally from my own experience it doesn't really do much of anything especially if you don't water and of the fields. With the weather situation that maryland/montgomery county is in each summer it really is a waste of money to try to fix these fields. Instead you build turf fields of a span of time and there really isn't that much maintenance required. I really think the county should look into it, it may cost quite a bit before but I think overtime, with cutting grass, seeding and trying to preserve fields really isnt efficient. Please take my opinion into consideration.

Thanks.

From

Kai Fang

Subject

Date

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Sincerely,
kai fang

Kai Fang Associate Creative Director
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From

Kate Coleman

Subject

Date

RF Soccer field

9/1/2011

> I am a resident of RF and have great concerns regarding the proposed soccer fields. Our little community has no possible way to handle the potential problems resulting from traffic to/from the fields. As it is now, Falls Road, MacArthur, Oaklyn and neighborhood streets are backed up due to bikers alone every weekend. Major accidents & deaths have resulted. Adding more cars to our already heavily traveled roads due to the proposed soccer fields is a major hazard and one that creates enormous liability for the county, which is on notice of this potentially fatal problem.

In addition, I request the following:

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If you care about protecting the smaller neighborhoods of Montgomery county and retaining property values, the PLEASE offer our community these protections.

Kate Coleman

Property owner
River Falls

Sent from iPad please excuse any spelling errors

From

Kathiravan Srinivasan

Subject

Date

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8/23/2011

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From

kelloggcpa

Subject**Date**

BrickyardRoad Soccer Field

8/25/2011

Comments on Brickyard Road Soccer Field RFP

As a member of the community near the proposed site of the Brickyard Soccer Fields I would like to reiterate the following concerns which I don't think have been properly addressed:

Traffic: While traffic in our area isn't bad mid-day on weekdays, we experience a great volume of automobile traffic during rush hours and a great volume of bicycle traffic during weekends. Unfortunately, many drivers don't seem to know how to deal with the situation when there are several bicycles in their lane slowing their progress and feel they have the right of way to pass the bikes by crossing the yellow lines regardless of oncoming traffic. Major increases to the traffic in this area on weekends will be fatalities waiting to happen, most likely by those in vehicles that have the right of way.

An in depth traffic study needs to be done before proceeding with this project by an independent evaluator looking especially at those times that the soccer fields would be in use. As it is now, it is many times hard to turn off of Rock Run Drive onto Falls Road during rush hour traffic. It will not take long for those coming out of a facility on Brickyard to decide to take Kingsgate (immediately across from the land in question) through the neighborhood to Rock Run and then on to Falls Road. This will significantly increase traffic problems within the neighborhood adjoining the site.

Noise: An independent study of the noise that would be generated from this facility needs to be conducted with special attention to the impact on the wildlife of the area. This area is rich in deer, fox, raccoons, groundhogs, and many other forest dwellers.

Accessibility: Consideration needs to be given to the fact that this site is not accessible by public transportation. Thus, every

participant is going to have to arrive and depart by automobile.

Trash: Any private partner should be required to remove trash from the property on a daily basis and to remove trash from roadsides on Brickyard, Kingsgate and Rock Run on a weekly basis.

Current Use: It is ironic that the current user of the property, a nationally recognized organic farmer, was turned down on requests to conduct classes on his farm to train other organic farmer because of increased traffic. That would have involved a far smaller number of cars than the proposed private partner use.

Judith Ann Kellogg
10629 Rock Run Drive
Potomac MD 20854

From

Kelly Skupas

Subject

Date

Organic farm land to be made into soccer field

8/31/2011

Dear Mr. Leggett,

I am writing you to ask you to reconsider your decision to turn 30 year old farm land into soccer fields for children. I am a teacher for Montgomery County so I definitely recognize the importance of sports for children but there is a

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Kelly Williams

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From

Kiianah Johnson

Subject

Date

SAVE NICK'S ORGANIC FARM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

8/31/2011

Hello,

There are very few organic farms left in MD. I would like to take a stand against destroying the few that are left! Thousands of people are becoming wiser to the effects of being fed GMOs and fruits and vegetables riddled with pesticides. Please allow for those of us who would like to conserve the earth in a positive manner to continue doing so. Children can play soccer anywhere, as a soccer field in place of an organic farm is simply unacceptable. To destroy an organic farm in the midst of a movement where people are beginning to educate themselves on the benefits of eating sustainable food that is not riddled with toxins... RIDICULOUS! I would expect more from such a community, Montgomery County has truly let us down with this decision. *Shaking my head in utter disdain*

Thank you,

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"Rock it Napptural!"

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Kiianah Johnson- Editor and Creator

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From

Kim London

Subject**Date**

we moved because of the soccer fields

8/25/2011

I am writing because of our strong opposition to the soccer fields.

My husband and I lived in RiverFalls for two and a half years waiting for the right house, which for us meant a street that wasn't too busy and was suitable for 3 kids, cats and dogs. There were finally two houses that we loved. When the Brickyard issue came up, we told our real estate agent that we changed our minds about buying on a house on Coach that we loved. When it looked like the Board of Education had not actually signed and may not sign a contract to lease the Brickyard property, we wrote a contract on another house. Our price was accepted, but we pulled our offer because we found out that the soccer fields were again a threat to the community. We decided to move out of Potomac. The soccer fields would change the character and lifestyle of the community, which was reason we liked the area (and were willing to pay the high cost of housing there).

The current farm provides a unique space that provides for sustainable growth and high quality food for the future. At a time when my family members have suffered from Celiac disease, an autoimmune disease that leads to blindness, osteoporosis, cancer, diabetes, and other serious health problems, I am deeply concerned about the future of food quality. The tremendous rise in Celiac disease is being linked to destructive changes in how we grow food. I strongly support Michele Obama's commitment to providing good quality food for our children. I am also concerned that the worse food goes to children, often the poorest children. We need to make a commitment to quality for our future. The current Brickyard farm represents that commitment.

Locating the soccer fields in this neighborhood damages the community and the park environment. It poses a hazard to wildlife and children along Brickyard. People outside the community use Brickyard road in such an aggressive way that while we were teaching our son to drive, we warned him that he would encounter aggressive drivers and a high potential road rage on that road. Some people will honk when you try to turn into RiverFalls. They will not tolerate

cars driving less than ten miles over the speed limit and can become enraged when they have to slow down. It took little time for my son to encounter is first aggressive Brickyard driver.

We moved, so this is not an issue that affects us as much anymore. But as far as property values go, I know that the house on Coach that we wanted to write a contract on never sold and the disappointed sellers took it off the market from what I understand.

The second house sold for less than the offer which we made and withdrew. I think this issue will affect property values if that is a concern. If the property were used for a school, it would mean less driving for all the kids and a local walkable school is great for the kids and community. But using a remote area like that for a county wide program, really puts traffic pressure that this area is not designed for and breaks down the sense of community at a time when the focus should be on walkable areas, less driving, sustainability and closer communities.

Sincerely,
Kim London

I

From

krista Kurth

Subject**Date**

Comments on RFP for Brickyard property

8/25/2011

I wish to state my opposition to having soccer fields built on the 20 acre Brickyard property site. The organic farm that is currently located there provides a rich resource for our county in many ways. And now that the state of Maryland has mandated that all public school children become environmentally literate, the organic farm is even more valuable, as an education tool for school groups.

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Thank you
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Potomac Resident

Brickyard Site

8/22/2011

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Sincerely,
Krista Kurth

From

Kristi Janzen

Subject

Date

Please turn Brickyard Site into A Hub For Ag Education

8/24/2011

Dear Mr. Seyoum,

The 20-acre plot of schools land along Brickyard Road in Potomac, which has been farmed organically for more than 30 years, is an incredible asset to your county, our state and indeed the whole country. Farmed by such a competent and well-known farmer as Nick Maravell, and only a few miles from the White House and Capitol Hill, this organic farm provides a perfect model farm for urban farming in the entire country. It is something you can feel deeply proud of, a unique treasure to brag about. Indeed, saving it would show how forward-thinking and wise you are, given increasing worldwide concern about environmental protection and food security.

An ag education hub at this site could be an internationally renowned urban farming mecca. The organic farm there would not only continue offer ecosystem services, such as improving water quality, sequestering carbon and maintaining biodiversity. It would offer county, state and even national and international guests a critical learning opportunity, while maintaining the seed production that is vital for regional farms that buy seed from this location. It would boost the reputation of the county and be in line with the county's goals of boosting green businesses and protecting the land. Such a one-of-a kind opportunity should not be lost.

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University Park
Prince George's County, MD

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Latifa Barnett

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From Leo R

Subject **Date**

Considerations for Brickyard Site 8/31/2011

Attn: Kassa Seyoum, Project Manager for the Brickyard Middle School Site in Potomac, MD.

Re: RFP input

The environmental, scientific, educational, and intrinsic value of Nick's Organic Farm far outweigh the benefits of a 502nd or 503rd soccer field. However, if the soccer fields will be constructed, please include these conditions:

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-Lights, restroom facilities, or buildings will not be constructed.

-There will be no operations during weekdays to avoid overloading of residential roads serving the site.

-There will be no other commercial activities on the site (many "Home/Window" shows @ Germantown Complex).

-A hired third party, not the County or the private business (one with no interest other than seeing a job done), must provide oversight of the private partner to ensure proper operation, and will take immediate corrective action ~ or be penalized.

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I thank you for your time, and I expect implementation of these guidelines out of consideration for the existing neighborhood residents.

Sincerely,

Leo Rydlun

From

Leo Rydlun

Subject

Date

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8/31/2011

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□□□□□□ Re: RFP input

I believe Nick's Organic Farm should remain because it is more valuable than soccer fields for the following reasons:

The environmental value of and time required to produce the farm

It would take 31 years to produce farm soil as healthy as that of Nick's Organic Farm.

Nick's farm is already in a perfect location away from conventional farms, which grow Genetically Modified (GM) crops and can contaminate nearby farms with GM pollen.

Nick's rare heirloom seeds preserve genetic diversity, in contrast to large-scale agriculture which produces only a few common varieties of crops.

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The University of Maryland, the Maryland Department of Agriculture, and the USDA Agricultural Research Service have conducted experiments there, and research continues today.

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Maravell desires to contribute to Montgomery County Public Schools by allowing his farm to be an education center.

The farm provides a perfect opportunity for schools to fulfill the recently passed, mandatory state environmental literacy standard.

The benefits of demolition and development, whatever they may be, cannot compare to the environmental, scientific, educational, and intrinsic value that will be lost if this organic farm disappears.

I thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Leo Rydlun

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The value of Nick's Organic Farm

8/29/2011

To: Kassa Seyoum, Project Manager

To produce an organic farm, many years must be invested to eliminate chemicals and develop microorganisms and organic matter. Nick has utilized soil enriching practices on his farm for 31 years, which is how long it would take to establish another farm like his. In Montgomery County, not only is Nick's farm one of the few organic farms existing, it is the only one cultivating organic seed.

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Cabin John Park better than Brickyard

8/31/2011

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Re: RFP input

I believe Montgomery County would benefit most if Nick's Organic Farm were used as an education center for Montgomery County Public Schools, and the 502nd and 503rd soccer fields of Montgomery County were built at Cabin John Regional Park.

Education Center

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educational experience for students of all ages.

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Soccer Fields

Cabin John Park has the infrastructure for people coming to play on soccer fields already in place; Brickyard Road does not.

Brickyard Road must sacrifice the only farm cultivating organic seed in Montgomery County; Cabin John Park does not have to make such a drastic sacrifice.

Brickyard Road is surrounded by residential housing and only has two routes: Falls Road from the north, and MacArthur Boulevard from the south, which are incapable of handling many cars. The traffic will result in dissatisfaction from soccer field clients as well as all other people driving near Brickyard Road.

Cabin John Park is not surrounded by residential housing and is accessible by various routes on large roads from the north, south, east, and west. It is also near two highways, I-270 and I-495. This transportation situation will result in more satisfaction from soccer field clients.

Cabin John Park already has parking lots; Brickyard Road does not.

Cabin John Park is accessible by public transportation; Brickyard Road is not.

Cabin John Park has more acreage than the relatively small and inconvenient site on Brickyard Road completely surrounded by houses.

If Montgomery County needs more soccerfields, there are many places they could be built that does not requiredemolishing the county's only farm cultivating organic seed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,

Leo Rydlun

From

Libertelli, Joe

Subject

Date

Organic Farms, Soccer Fields and Public Process

8/31/2011

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I do realize there are, on occasion, a shortage of soccer fields, typically on weekends. However, while I would like to see the County's need for soccer fields met, I also think that the County needs the marginal organic farm more than the marginal soccer field. And in this case, "Nick's Organic Farm," surrounded as it is by residential property, is even more important, as the residential neighborhoods serve as effective barriers to the drift of genetically modified organism pollen - which is increasingly a bane for organic farmers everywhere, but particularly problematic to those farmers, such as Mr. Maravell, who are contracted by heirloom seed companies to grow or to revive nearly extinct strains.

The importance of both adequate recreational facilities for County residents and this unique - and immovable - farm raises the question of whether there are other locations for soccer fields and also, importantly, what process has been utilized to consider these options.

I believe that public process and transparency is vitally important - much more important than either an individual organic farm or soccer fields. Because I have learned that proper process has not been followed, I have contributed financially to Mr. Maravell's law suit.

Moreover, my wife and I host a regular public event, attended by fifty or sixty County residents, with proceeds going to an important local environmental cause. This coming month, the funds will go to support Maravell's effort. He will also have the opportunity to briefly address the crowd and hand out materials.

We are also considering hosting a house meeting at which Mr. Maravell would come and speak about the issue to our neighbors.

As a taxpayer, I certainly hope that this situation does not result in protracted litigation. I urge you to suspend the County's plans to install soccer fields at the Brickyard site and to hold public hearings at which citizens and elected officials alike can learn about the issue and the options. If the decision to remove the organic farm in favor of soccer fields is a good one, based on sound reasoning, I and other people will see that and support that decision. If not, the farm's lease should be extended.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joe Libertelli

9 Manorvale Court
Rockville, MD 20853

cc: Councilmember Nancy Navarro

From

Lillian Starr

Subject

Date

Make Brickyard Farm a Food and Ag Education Hub

8/23/2011

Dear Mr. Leggett,

I applaud the County's efforts to advance food and agriculture policy through the Green Economy Task Force, the Small Farm Incubator Initiative, the Sustainable Community Food Initiative, and the long tradition of preserving agricult

From

Linda Black

Subject

Date

Re: Brickyard Site

8/31/2011

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Yours truly,

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10500 Rockville Pike #506

Rockville, MD 20852

Brickyard Site

8/31/2011

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Please veto this plan and allow Mr. Marabell's farm to continue to benefit country residents with his wonderful produce and seeds that help many more.

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From

Linda Liotta

Subject

Date

RE: Proposal for Soccer Complex on Brickyard Road

8/29/2011

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I'm writing to express my total opposition to the proposed Soccer Complex on Brickyard Road in Potomac. VOTE NO.

MY OBJECTIONS:

Brickyard Road is not/ was not designed to handle the high-volume traffic a soccer area would cause. The speed circles--which the County, itself, proposed and installed are proof positive of that fact, end of discussion.

None of the other roads in Potomac, leading to Brickyard Road are designed to handle heavy traffic flows, either.--Example, just try driving River Road at rush hour.

There are adequate numbers of soccer complexes/fields already built or approved to serve the down county.

The clandestine methods used to make this decision are vile, reprehensible and unacceptable. Where's the "transparency"?

Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) usually smack of corruption. They are absolutely corrupt when done in secret. (PPPs are the latest trendy attempt to legitimize corrupt backroom deals. The voting public is catching on.)

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The Smart Growth and Rural Legacy (SG/RL) land management programs are not legitimate excuses to in-fill Potomac with road congestion. (However, SG/RL proponents do "pay" well at election time, I've heard.)

My husband and I are 25+ year residents of the Potomac area. We do not live in the immediate Brickyard Road community. We are not environmentalists. We believe in honest, representational government, not phoney, "transparent governance". We vote.

Very truly yours,

Linda Bradley Liotta

From

Linda Villee

Subject

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From

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From Lisa Giannini

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I looked for a link to post comments, but I guess this email is all that is available. Perhaps you do not want a public record of comments.

There is no shortage of soccer fields in Montgomery County. There IS a shortage of organic farms in Montgomery County.

This deal was done in secret, with highly-questionable influence peddling, and without community input. Shameful. Just another shady back-room deal (like the Fillmore in Silver Spring) that reeks of money going into somebody's pocket and putting private gains ahead of the best long-term needs of the citizens. I have been a Democratic voter my entire life, but this is the last straw.

Lisa Giannini

Silver Spring, MD (and former resident of Potomac)

From

Lisa Schnoor

Subject

Date

Brickyard Site

8/31/2011

Attn: Kassa Seyoum, Project Manager for the Brickyard Middle School Site in Potomac, MD.

Re: RFP input

It has come to my attention that the county is considering replacing an Organic Farm with soccer fields in the Potomac area off of Brickyard Road. If this is to be the case, please include these conditions:

- The citizens need to be informed of, and the Contractor must clearly outline how its turf management practices will avoid contamination of the surface water and the ground water that might reach local wells of surrounding homes. All fields and any site amenities will be organic with no use of pesticides or chemicals.
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I thank you for your time, and I expect implementation of these guidelines for the safety of the existing neighborhood.

Of course -- my preference and hope is that the organic, non-gmo farm would remain and soccer fields would not be built on this site. This farm is unique in all of Maryland and should be treasured and preserved.

Thank You,
Lisa Schnoor

From

Liz Snyder

Subject

Date

Brickyard Road, farms vs. soccer

8/31/2011

Dear Mr. Leggett,

I am not a resident of your county, but I felt compelled to write as my community went through a similar debate back in 2007. I am the co-founder of Full Circle Farm in Sunnyvale, CA - nestled in the middle of a suburban neighborhood much like yours. The other option on the table was a soccer field, which I understand is also a community need.

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Please take a look at what's been built in 3 short years here in our community: www.fullcirclesunnyvale.org

And if you would like to develop an "alternate" RFP I would be happy to share the one our nonprofit initially responded to.

All the best,
Liz

Liz Snyder
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From

Lori Michele Newsom

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8/24/2011

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7811 Gate Post Way

Potomac, MD 20854

From

Lucien and Talaat Moreau

Subject

Date

Brickyard Road Soccer Fields

8/26/2011

Dear Sirs,

Please take into consideration the following points if you intend to go ahead with the idea of converting the organic farm on Brickyard Road into soccer fields, especially involving a private party. Please note that we are very much in favor of preserving the organic farm, which is an incomparable asset to Montgomery County.

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- >>Thank you for taking these points into consideration.
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- >>Sincerely,
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- >>Talaat and Lucien E. Moreau
- >>8502 Brickyard Road, Potomac, MD 20854
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From

Lynn Wegman

Subject

Date

Cease Plans to Build Soccer Complex on Brickyard Road

8/30/2011

8/29/2011

To Montgomery County Government Officials,

I am unclear why the County has kept plans for this land and negotiations about the possible Soccer Complex secret for a number of years.

Why were these plans not discussed with affected County residents when planning first began? Brickyard Road and the surrounding neighborhood is not able to accommodate more traffic and the road itself is not a main thoroughfare and is a very poor choice for a proposal which will most ceratinly

result in a huge influx of cars. Other areas where complexes such as the one proposed exist, have multi-lane roads for ease of access, to eliminate or

reduce traffic congestion, and to avoid disturbance to local tax paying residents. This neighborhood has one lane roads in each direction and has no

availability for parking aside from the cars owned by the residents which are often parked on the local streets off of Brickyard Road. The proposed Socccer Complex will cause traffic congestion, parking nightmares, and unsafe neighborhoods for our children to play, walk, and ride their bicycles.

There are already hundreds of deer in the area, and the proposed use of this land will most surely increase the trash/garbage in this neighborhood which will only lead to even more deer and other animals seeking garbage to eat. This in turn will not only bring a huge problem of trash control to an

otherwise clean residential neighborhood where no such problem exists, but will also lead to even more traffic accidents due to an ever increasing population of wildlife.

Complexes similar to the one proposed often host other types of commercial events such as home shows, etc. This neighborhood is completely unsuitable for this type of activity as there are few alternative traffic options, and any such use must be completely prohibited.

The comments (such as this one) received on this Soccer Complex plan and the proposed RFP should be made public as this is a public issue that should be open and above board to all interested parties. *IF* the process moves forward, though it should be stopped immediately, the selection criteria

for the entity to supply the services and operate the Soccer Complex must immediately be made public. *IF* the process moves forward, though it should

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though it should be stopped immediately, there must be only local teams with local players permitted to use the complex.

Before this process moves forward any further, separate noise and traffic studies should be conducted by independent parties selected by a committee representing BOTH the local affected citizens and the County. A pedestrian and bicycle impact study for weekdays and weekend Soccer Complex activities should also be conducted. This committee could also review many of the other concerns expressed herein and by other neighborhood residents and the community associations interested in this proposed project.

Please consider my comments as a very concerned citizen, and make them part of the public record.

Thank you,

Lynn Rothberg Wegman
8200 Kingsgate Road
Potomac, MD. 20854

From Mallikharjuna Divvala

Subject **Date**

Make Brickyard Farm a Food and Ag Education Hub

8/23/2011

Dear Mr. Leggett,

I applaud the County's efforts to advance food and agriculture policy through the Green Economy Task Force, the Small Farm Incubator Initiative, the Sustainable Community Food Initiative, and the long tradition of preserving agricult

From Maria Fusco

Subject **Date**

FUSCO: RFP Comments/Input 9/1/2011

August 31, 2011

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From

Mark Ungerman

Subject

Date

Response to Invitation to Email Input for the Content of the R

9/1/2011

Mr. Seyoum,

I have attached my response to the invitation for input to the content of the proposed "RFP to Develop Soccer Ballfields at Brickyard Site" in a .pdf document.

Please respond by return email to confirm that you have received this eight page document and are able to open it.

As you will see, I object to the County's proposal to turn over the public land on Brickyard Road to a private interest group that will use the land for its own purposes, to the exclusion of the public and to the detriment of the neighbors and community. The private use will create dangerous conditions for our residents, tax county resources and infrastructure, and displace a unique organic farm that has managed harmful surface water runoff, preserved environmental resources and created no harmful impact on the community. The proposed development is not justified by any current demonstrable need, will harm property values in the neighborhood and reduce our tax base. Furthermore, it circumvents the authority of the County Council over land use regulation and the authority and wisdom of the Park and Planning Commission over land use and protection of parkland resources, demonstrates a lack of prudence, and is contrary to principles of transparent and accountable government. There are higher better uses for the site and other locations more consistent with the proposed private use, if it can be shown to fill a public need.

Thank you very much for you work on this matter,

Mark E. Ungerman

From

marsha vonduerckheim

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Mary deGroot

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Mary Connole

From Mary Kathleen Ernst

Subject **Date**

Response 8/25/2011

To whom it may concern:

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4. The fields will be for use by Potomac Sub-Region youth only, 18 years of age or under, living within the local Brickyard Middle School zone. No adults over 18 will use the fields at any time.
5. No trash receptacles on site, all trash must be carted off site immediately after use. Private Partner subject to fines for violations.
6. No lighting of any kind or for any purpose.

7. Any fencing on the outside perimeter of the property must be landscaped by the Private Partner to provide a visually pleasing buffer along community roads. Fencing must not prevent the community from accessing the public recreational space created by the Private Partner referenced in No. 1.

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Sincerely,

Mary Kathleen Ernst

8609 Stirrup Court

Potomac, MD 20854

(301) 983-0751

Fwd: ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT: RFP Response

9/1/2011

Begin forwarded message: Please acknowledge receipt

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From

mary knight

Subject

Date

Seed farm with County lease.

8/31/2011

Dear Mr. Leggett,

I have been a gardener for most of my life. And I love to eat healthy foods. I just learned about the plight of an organic seed farmer in our County whose lease from the County has been terminated. The land will be turned into so

From

Mary Schaefer

Subject**Date**

comment on the destruction of Nick's Organic Farm

6/21/2011

I want to see the location of the new (502 and 503) soccer fields located anywhere else in the county than on land that is currently being used for organic farming. Organic farms are national treasures and we are so lucky to have Nick's Organic Farm in our county. I am a conscious consumer and I do find it very hard to even buy organic food here in Montgomery County. Having lived for many years outside the state, I've become accustomed to buying organic produce all year round. It's always been easy. But now here in MC, I find that Giant and even Whole Foods don't fulfill my needs. I do see regional differences in the aisles of our major grocery stores which I believe to be attributable to community demand. So, in an effort to feed myself the best food possible, I now do the bulk of my shopping at the Bethesda Central Farm Market. The dearth of easily-found organic food is just a small reflection of how important Nick's farm is to our area.

I did write to Executive Councilman Leggett to express my support for relocating the planned soccer fields. As he stated, he is very dismayed at the "dearth of rectangular" fields in the county. This dearth of soccer fields? We already have hundreds. What about the dearth of rectangular farm fields? YOU know, at the farmers market, I meet farmers from everywhere but Maryland - mostly from Pennsylvania - that's incredible to me. And I also see many farms in the upper parts of the county (Damascus area and going east) but none of them are organic farms. We have a dearth of organic farms across the nation. And that's why Nick's farm should be considered a national treasure.

We are so fortunate to have this farm here. Please reconsider the location of new soccer fields and please educate yourself on the importance of organic farming. Really, if the decision were based on a well-rounded foundation of knowledge, not just about soccer fields but also about organic farming, the County's ultimate decision would serve the best interests for the whole community. There's no reason to destroy this farm and place soccer fields on it. We can have new soccer fields and also have this organic farm. There is a

win-win here for all.

Mary Schaefer

From

Megan Haddock

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Megan Haddock
5918 Halsey Rd.
Rockville, MD 20851

From

megsteramv

Subject

Date

Soccer Fields are Special

6/22/2011

Dear Project Leaders,

I know probably most of the emails being sent to you are full of negativity and belittle soccer fields and the need for them. I just want to inform you this is because there are links on all the sites against this project. In fact, I wouldn't have found this link if I wasn't looking at one of those sites. As stated in the subject bar, I feel soccer fields are special places and so they should be built on Brickyard. As a youth soccer player, I see first hand the lack of fields. I live close to the proposed site and never in my life have I had a practice closer than 30 minutes away (I've been playing for about 10 years to put it in perspective). The fields in this county can't properly be maintained either because of the heavy use on them. They are played on until they turn to dirt and it's very hard to regrow grass once the ground has reached that state. If there were even a few more soccer fields I know the fields would be in better condition. I also have experienced how hard it is to get fields, especially in the Fall when the daylight goes quickly. I have had to complete many practices in the dark because of this lack of facilities and it had resulted in quite a few injuries. Soccer fields are places to break barriers and to thrive so we need places for young children to continue to fall in love with the sport and places for children who love it to participate in their favorite hobby. Falling in love with a sport is such a special thing and helps children grow better leadership, team, communication, and life skills that are invaluable. Soccer instills determination, passion and the will to win in children of all ages so I want to thank you for being part of such an important process, one that will change the lives of many children for the better. Together, I know we can make a difference in our great county.

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Megan Armstrong

From

MenareFoundation

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Anthony Cohen
President
The Menare Foundation, Inc.
PO Box 1366
Olney, MD 20830-1366

From

Michael Bonard

Subject**Date**

Request for Proposal (RFP) requirements

8/30/2011

These are the requirements I am asking the County to incorporate in the RFP:

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- * No other commercial activities shall take place on the site
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- * All fields and any site amenities should be kept organic with no use of pesticides or chemicals.
- * There should be NO holdover provision in the final contract so that the property MUST be competitively bid again at the end of term so as to safeguard the public interest.
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- * A ten million dollar bonds should be posted to insure conformance by the private partner.

Michael Bonard
10805 Rock Run Drive,
Potomac, MD 20854
301 299 3099

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Michele Molnar

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Michele Molnar

mmolnar88@yahoo.com

301.924.0982

From

michelle G

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Plowshares into shinguards AGAIN?

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Kirsten Hawkins

moohawk@verizon.net

From

nadine feiler

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Nadine G. Feiler
The Park School of Baltimore
Baltimore, MD 21022

From

Nancy Holahan

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Naomi and Byron Bloch

Sent from my iPhone

Email Responses to Brickyard RFP

From

nelson funk

Subject

Date

comments on brickyard soccer

8/25/2011

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From

nemas

Subject

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Sincerely,

From Nick Maravell

Subject **Date**

Brickyard Middle School site RFP Comments

9/1/2011

To: Kassa Seyoum

Re: Brickyard Middle School Site

I oppose the placing of soccer playing fields on the Brickyard Middle School site. If fields are constructed and operated by a public private partnership, then I have the following comments that should guide the drafting of an RFP.

-To allow continued accountability to the public, the contract to a private entity operate the fields should be competitively bid every five years.

-No contract with a private entity should contain a “tenant holding over” provision which allows a contractor occupy the site beyond a five year expiration date as long as rent is paid and accepted by the County. A hold over provision allows the potential indefinite use of the property without full accountability to and review by the public.

-There is not sufficient acreage on the site for a regional facility drawing teams from all parts of the County. MNCPPC guidelines require 50 acres for a regional facility, and the birckyard site is only 20 acres. Therefore this must be a local facility. Because this area of Potomac already has many soccer fields and two more being planned, one at the Potomac Community Center and one at the planned Greenbrier local park, it is not necessary to build any fields. If fields are built, there should be no more than one field, as is being planned at the 25 acre Greenbrier local park.

-The citizens need to be informed of, and the Contractor must clearly outline how its turf management practices will avoid contamination of the surface water and the ground water that might reach local wells of surrounding homes. All fields and any site amenities will be organic with no use of pesticides or chemicals.

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-If the facility is permitted to be operated during the school year on weekdays and will contribute to increased traffic flows, the RFP must outline what measures will be taken to ensure the safety of the school children who will be waiting for school buses or will be delivered back home by school buses. Any traffic, crosswalk, or sidewalk accommodations must be the responsibility of the private contractor.

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-No other property owner should be eligible to connect to any water or sewer lines or facilities on the Brickyard site, least there be an incentive for private interests to influence or benefit from any decision regarding contractor selection or site planning.

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-There will be no other commercial activities on the site (many "Home/Window" shows @ Germantown Complex).

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-The "private Partnership" must NOT own all the best times during the week 4PM to 8 PM and weekend 8AM to 7PM

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streets due to field usage.

-A hired third party, not the County or the private business (one with no interest other than seeing a job done), must provide oversight of the private partner to ensure proper operation, and will take immediate corrective action ~ or be penalized.

-Separate noise and traffic studies must be conducted by someone other than interested parties (ie: possible private partners).

-A pedestrian and bicycle impact study which includes weekend traffic must be conducted.

-Not one single amenity associated with these soccer fields is to come out of tax-payer money.

-A ten million dollar bond should be posted to insure conformance by the private partner.

I thank you for your time, and I expect implementation of these guidelines for the safety of the existing neighborhood.

Thank You,

Nick Maravell

8565 Horseshoe Lane

Potomac, MD 20854

From

Nicole Rohloff

Subject

Date

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8/30/2011

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Nubia Dickerson

From

osman.milly

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Comments

8/31/2011

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To: Milly Osman

Subject: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

Sent: Aug 31, 2011 9:41 PM

Delivery to the following recipient failed permanently:

Brickyardroad.soccerfieldRFP@montgomerycountymd.gov

Technical details of permanent failure:

DNS Error: Domain name not found

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Wed, 31 Aug 2011 18:41:13 -0700 (PDT)

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From: Milly Osman <osman.milly@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, 31 Aug 2011 21:40:33 -0400

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Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry please excuse any typos

From

P. Paterson

Subject

Date

Soccer fields can go many places, organic farms can't

8/20/2011

Dear Kassa Seyoum;

I implore you to save Nick's organic farm! It is precious for so many reasons. There are other places to put soccer fields, but the farm once closed will be lost.

In these uncertain times we need the local, chemical-free food, and the organic seeds Mr. Maravell produces, and we need a chance to teach children about these resources. They may be the local farmers and agri-entrepreneurs of tomorrow. As a physician, I believe that organic foods and methods are the way to go to maintain a healthy community. Montgomery County should stay in the forefront of this movement and serve as a model for other counties.

Please keep the farm for the benefit of the county and as an educational resource for children. Find another more appropriate location for the soccer fields.

Sincerely,
Phyllida Paterson M.D.
9101 Warren St
Silver Spring MD

From

Patricia Friedman

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Patty Friedman, MD
4811 Grantham Ave.
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From Rebecca Cohencious

Subject	Date
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Make Brickyard Farm a Food and Ag Education Hub

8/23/2011

Dear Mr. Leggett,

I applaud the County's efforts to advance food and agriculture policy through the Green Economy Task Force, the Small Farm Incubator Initiative, the Sustainable Community Food Initiative, and the long tradition of preserving agricult

From

Ric Loll

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Brickyard Site

8/20/2011

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Soccer's influence on children, communities, and families is much less important than demonstrating to these groups the importance and value of organic farming. In an era when fertilizer run off threatens the Chesapeake Bay, when traditional crude oil production is being rapidly replaced by the dubious technique of "Fracking", and when global climate change is affecting our lives in myriad ways it is VITAL that people be shown what can be done here, in the local area, to produce food which is organic, healthy, and which incurs a fraction of the carbon footprint of food grown and shipped from Chile, California, and Florida.

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From

Robert Janku

Subject**Date**

Brickyard Site

8/25/2011

To: Kassa Seyoum, Project Manager

I have driven to Nick's farm. It is located on a subdivision road. Three soccer fields will generate a lot of traffic. I would not want to drive over all the speed bumps to get to weekly games.

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From Rod Rydlun

Subject **Date**

Brickyard Site 8/30 8/30/2011

To: Kassa Seyoum, Project Manager

To produce an organic farm, many years must be invested to eliminate chemicals and develop microorganisms and organic matter. Nick has utilized soil enriching practices on his farm for 31 years, which is how long it would take to establish another farm like his. In Montgomery County, not only is Nick's farm one of the few organic farms existing, it is the only one cultivating organic seed.

Nick's farm is already in a perfect location away from conventional farms, which grow Genetically Modified (GM) crops. The pollen from GM crops can be transported by insects and contaminate nearby farms that are trying to remain non-GM.

Nick's rare heirloom seeds preserve genetic diversity, in contrast to large-scale agriculture which produces only a few common varieties of crops. As scientists have researched, agriculture will depend on the biodiversity in the seed supply when new diseases, pests, or environmental conditions significantly affect the few crop varieties being mass-produced.

The scientific value of Nick's farm

is confirmed by the fact that the University of Maryland, the Maryland Department of Agriculture, and the USDA Agricultural Research Service have conducted experiments there, and research continues today. Maravell played a role in forming the USDA organic regulations, and was appointed by the USDA to serve on the National Organic Standards Board.

In addition to the benefits the farm has already provided, Maravell desires to contribute to Montgomery County Public Schools by allowing his farm to be an education center, providing a perfect opportunity for schools to fulfill the recently passed, mandatory state environmental literacy standard.

The benefits of demolition and development, whatever they may be, cannot compare to the environmental, scientific, educational, and intrinsic value that will be lost if this organic farm disappears.

Sincerely,

Rodney Poehler Rydlun, resident and Brickyard neighbor for 26 years

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From

Rosandra Kaplan

Subject

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No soccer fields.....Local Organic Farms in montgomery count

8/25/2011

We are avid soccer players and fans and have children who all play soccer on MSI teams but we believe that Nick's Organic Farm is unique in the region and should be preserved. We do not think the brickyard site is a good one for soccer fields or tournaments given the geography of the local roads and that the land has been used for organic farming for so long and that this is precious. Soccer is important but not as important as preserving our organic

land. If private-public partnership continues to bulldoze the local community despite their protests and insists on making the land used for soccer fields then best to consider conforming to these guidelines to make the best possible use of the fields and maintain the local organic environment. Many people live in this area and will be greatly affected by inconsiderate use of the land.

Our requests for guidelines for use of the land that will maintain the most environmental friendly and neighborly environment are as follows:

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- Sports field use must be limited to youths no older than high school age. ****
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- *A ten million dollar bonds should be posted to insure conformance by the private partner*. ****

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Thank you.
Rosie Kaplan

From

Ryan Cunningham

Subject

Date

Nick's Organic Farm

8/31/2011

I'm writing to strongly urge the County not to turn Nick's Organic Farm into a soccer field.

I'm a Montgomery County resident (South Silver Spring) and love living here. My wife, 6-month-old daughter and I grow vegetables in the King Street Community

From

Sarah Parsons

Subject

Date

Brickyard Site

8/30/2011

Dear Mr. Leggett,

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Nick Maravell is a nationally respected organic farmer. Montgomery County should boast about Nick's Organic Farm--not destroy it to build soccer fields. Please let Nick's Organic Farm stay where it is.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Best,
Sarah Parsons
8107 Eastern Ave. Apt. 107D
Silver Spring, MD. 20910

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Brickyard Site - Save the Garden

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Sincerely,

From

shireensbya

Subject

Date

Please keep Nick's Organic Farm for the health of own bodies

8/31/2011

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All this so that we have a field to play soccer? Surely there is some other place in your county of Montgomery where you can put a soccer field without destroying a stable, successful organic farm. This farm not only provides income to your county, it provides quality seed to the entire region. We need food to stay alive. And healthy food above all. This is our top priority.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful retraction of this soccer field.

Sincerely,
Shireen Karimi

From

Sondra Katz

Subject

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From Squeals On Wheels Petting zoo

Subject

Date

RFP Comments: Brickyard Road

8/25/2011

We do not agree that changing the current agricultural use of the Brickyard Middle School Property has been done legally, in accordance with guidance in the Potomac master Plan, or in any way was it a proper action. In no way, shape or form are we consenting, agreeing or going along with this change of use by adding our input to this process.

However, if this plan goes through, We require a sufficient non penetratable buffer between the school site property and ours that will prohibit anyone to cross onto our property.

We own a travelling Petting Zoo located with approximately 350 feet of fencing adjacent to the Brickyard School Site just south of the property on Brickyard towards Horseshoe. We have several tens of thousands of dollars of various animals to include several exotic, uneasily replaced ones. We have done what is required to protect our animals under current conditions. However, we will also require additional protection if we bring in a soccer plex , instead of a non agricultural or a non principal supervised and controlled middle school as it is currently used and or legally projected to be used.

We currently have a seven and one half foot high deer fence that keeps deer and other small animals out, but is incapable of keeping inquisitive and unsupervised children who want to pet, hug, or throw rocks at a fully grown 24 inch tall horse or any of our exotic alpacas or waterfoul.

Jill and John Phillips
8603 Brickyard Road
Potomac, MD 20854
301 765-0270

From

Stacey Budd

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Stacey Budd

From

Steve Kaufman

Subject

Date

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8/20/2011

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Susan Belchamber

Subject

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Bethesda, MD residents

From

Susan Myers

Subject

Date

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8/25/2011

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Sent from my iPad

From	Susana Wang
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301-299-8988

From

Suzanne Shoemaker

Subject

Date

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From

Tatjana Meerman

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8/29/2011

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Victoria Cowles

8565 Horseshoe Ln

Potomac, MD 20854

301 983-2167

Comments on Brickyard Rd. RFP

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Brickyard Road RFP Process

9/1/2011

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David, I have copied you to ensure that it is understood that these comments reflect input from local civic associations that represent more than 1500 local residents. I have also copied the leaders of of these organizations who have been involved in the preparation of this document should you desire to contact any of us for further clarification.

Keith Williams